

## Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15.

## LOCAL NEWS

For this section rain to day, followed by much colder, clearing weather, fresh to brisk north-westerly winds.

**AN ALEXANDRIA COLORED MAN.**—John Seaton, of the Equitable building is 6 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 300 pounds. Everything he wears, including his clothes, his boots, his shoes, his hat and his shirt, has to be made to order. "I know my great size has secured remunerative positions for me all my life," said Seaton the other day. "I was born in Alexandria, Va., nearly fifty years ago. I was a carpenter by trade, and took a great deal of interest in politics. At one time I was elected Alderman of Alexandria, and was the first colored man there who ever held an elective position. Some of the politicians down there wanted to reward me for services and for political speeches that I had made, and they secured me a position in the Treasury at Washington. My salary attracted attention as I passed occasionally along Pennsylvania avenue and I was offered and accepted a position on the United States Capitol Police. This paid me \$1,800 a year and brought me into contact with all the prominent men of the country. Senator Sumner liked me very well and was very anxious that I should go to Boston, where he promised to secure me a valuable position of some kind or other. I didn't leave there until Mr. Sumner died. I then left Washington literally as his body guard, because I accompanied the body on here to New York and served as a guard of honor in Boston during the time the body laid there in state. While I was in New York on my way to Boston on this occasion some of the Equitable Life Insurance people saw me at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and offered me an excellent position down here that I finally decided to accept, and I have been here ever since. I get all kinds of offers to go elsewhere." — N. Y. World

**RAILROAD AFFAIRS.**—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company was to have been held in Richmond yesterday, but as there was not a quorum present the meeting adjourned over until the 21st of December. The Terminal Board will hold a meeting in New York soon and re-elect Gen. Logan first vice president. The State says: It is understood that Mr. Henry Fink, at present a vice-president of the terminal system, will not be re-elected. It is also rumored that General Manager Thomas will resign very shortly, and that Mr. Sol. Haas will be made general manager of the entire system. Mr. Haas is the traffic manager now and it is supposed that if he takes charge of the general manager's office he will do away with the title of traffic manager and have all the general freight agents and the general passenger agents of the Richmond and Danville line and the East Tennessee line report direct to him, as at present. It is understood that if this change is made Capt. W. H. Green will be made general superintendent or acting general superintendent of the Richmond and Danville system, and General Superintendent Hudson, of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, be retained in that position. Maj. Peyton Randolph, a assistant general manager, will, it is understood, remain for some months at least.

An order of the executive committee made yesterday, in accordance with previous orders, gave the president of the R. & D. company direct orders to remove the offices of the company now in Washington back to Richmond, whence they were taken a year or two ago.

**PERSONAL.**—Miss Virginia Campbell, of Charleston, South Carolina, is visiting Miss Clara Davis.

Miss Ida Spring-fellow, of Middlesex county, Va., is visiting Mrs. S. A. Green.

Misses Lia and Lilly Poor, who have been visiting Mrs. Rose Hood, have returned to their home in Baltimore.

Miss Martha Grymes, of King George county, Va., who has been visiting friends in this city, left for her home yesterday.

Mr. John C. Fisher, who has been confined to his home for some time past by sickness, is able to be out again.

Rev. Thomas J. Packard has received a call to Williamsburg.

Mr. J. T. Burke has returned from a successful hunting trip in Fauquier.

Mr. D. G. Watkins continues extremely ill at his home in Fairfax county.

Mr. C. G. Wheaton, G. C. of the order of R. R. Conductors, is in Washington to press the passage of a bill by Congress requiring all conductors to be licensed as steamboat captains.

Misses C. E. Stuart, A. W. Armstrong and Frank Warfield have returned from Richmond where they went to attend the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons, of Virginia.

The Rev. J. O. Sackett, of Fauquier county, is in the city on his way to Jacksonville, Fla., where he has accepted a ministerial charge.

Mr. W. A. Smith, who left here on Sunday for a short trip to New York, will return on Saturday.

**THE AQUEDUCT BRIDGE.**—Col. Hains reports that the Bridge street abutment, in Georgetown, is completed and the backing and filling in place. The bridge spans and such sand-stone coping as can be set before the old bridge is removed are also in place. Serious delay may result from the manner in which the arch cannot be erected, but it is expected that all the iron will be rapidly pushed.

**SUMMONED AS A WITNESS.**—J. T. Whittle, who, as heretofore published in the GAZETTE, sent a letter to the State Board of Pharmacy, complaining that the druggists of this city were employing unlicensed clerks, has been summoned to appear before the grand jury, but it is believed that he will not appear.

Whittle, it is said, figured in a very unenviable manner in the Baltimore papers recently. He is a new comer here and has recently been absent from that city.

**MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.**—The Alexandria Musical Association held their regular monthly meeting last night, which was presided over by Dr. Charles Diddle, in the absence of the president. Five new members were elected. The question of applying to the legislature for a charter for the association was laid over. To-night a number of the members of the association will entertain their lady friends at a dance to be given at their hall.

**ROBBERY.**—Thieves last night broke into the store of Mr. B. F. Peake in the Opera House building, and robbed the safe of about six dollars. An entrance was made to the store by forcing the back door, which opens on a covered alley way, and the thieves had no trouble in opening the safe as it was unlocked. Mr. Peake seldom keeping money in it during the night.

Just received 50 fancy hanging lamps, at the Washington Fair, 425 King street, to be sold at \$2.50 a piece Friday and Saturday only.

**WELTHY COLORED MEN.**—In an article on the wealthy colored men of the country the New York Herald says:

"The best proof of the material progress of the negro race in this country is the amount of wealth that they have accumulated. There are nearly eight million people of African descent in the United States, and their accumulated wealth is estimated at \$200,000,000.

"The general increase in the value of real estate in the State of Virginia in the last few years is said to be due to the purchase and improvement of small farms by the negroes. Samuel Harris, of Williamsburg, conducts a business similar to that of Macy's in this city, and is worth \$80,000. In Petersburg and Norfolk there are twenty firms that represent \$200,000. In Richmond there is an African American barber named William Lyons, who is worth \$50,000. He is the wealthiest negro in Richmond. William Gray is a butcher, and is considered one of the 'bloods' of Alexandria, \$75,000 being the estimate of his wealth. Samuel Bolling is a brickmaker. He carried on this business for thirty years at Farmville, a place about thirty miles from where Lee surrendered. His country seat is said to be the best in that part of the country, and \$40,000 is the extent of his pile."

**THE FLATS IMPROVEMENTS.**—Col. Hains' report for November states that the work on the Potomac flats improvements cost \$33,167.28 during the month. In consequence of the advanced date it is not proposed to do more than certain preliminary work and maintain that already done, until spring. The embankment connecting the north end of the city with the shore has been completed. A channel 350 to 550 feet wide and 20 feet deep has been dredged between Georgetown and Glebe Point. The Washington channel has been dredged to a width of 200 to 350 feet. About 503 acres have been reclaimed from the overflow of the ordinary high tide and about 6,150,000 cubic yards of the 12,000,000 yards required to fill the flats to the required height have been deposited.

**A NEW BREWERY.**—The Robert Porter Brewing Company, of this city, has purchased the property fronting 110 feet 2 inches on Maryland avenue and 65 feet 7 inches on Thirteenth street southwest, Washington, on which they propose to erect a large brewery. Mr. Porter is now on a visit to Northern cities where he will consult with leading architects. It is the company's intention to erect a very imposing building, one, it is said, that will cost a quarter of a million of dollars. Work on the structure is to be begun in the spring and pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The business of the company has increased to such an extent that the erection of another building has become a necessity.

**DIED FROM INTemperance.**—Mr. Henry Blish, a well-known bricklayer, died last night at his home on Peyton street, from the effects of intemperance. He had been on a spree for the past few days and yesterday drank more than usual. He went to his room at the house of Lewis Boswell in the afternoon, and at night was found dead. The reports in circulation about his having drunk a quart of whisky given to him by some young men if he would drink it all at once are said to be untrue.

**POLICE REPORT.**—Last night was cloudy and cool with rain about 3 o'clock. There were twelve lodgers but no prisoners at the station house.

The only case before the Mayor this morning was that of Geo. Petty, charged with an assault on Annie Brown, and that was continued till to-morrow.

**MASONIC.**—At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Richmond, last night, the district deputy grand masters were appointed, and the Lodge adjourned sine die. Mr. Arthur S. Floyd, of Norfolk, presented to the craft, through Grand Lecturer Little, a specimen of granulated cement, said to have come from King Solomon's temple.

**Woman and Her Diseases** is the title of a large illustrated treatise, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., sent to any address for ten cents in stamps. It teaches successful self treatment.

A large stock of trimmed and untrimmed hats at half price at the Washington Fair, 425 King street.

FOR A USEFUL PRESENT a nice clock for your wife or child would be very acceptable, and no one keeps a better stock at more reasonable prices than our former townsmen, CHAS. BAUM, of 416 Seventh street, Washington, who has an immense establishment and at present is making a great display of Holiday Goods. Pay him a visit.

## LOST AND FOUND.

**REWARD.**—Stolen from the stable of the subscriber on the night of December 14, a FRESH COW, black with a little white on belly and short horn horns. Fifteen dollars will be paid for the recovery of said cow and fifteen for the capture and conviction of the thief.

dec15 3t A. W. HARRISON.

**FOR SALE.** A LOT OF FRESH COWS at Charles Cox's, corner King and Fayette streets.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Frederick Douglass will lecture to-morrow night, at Roberts' Chapel, taking for his subject the "Self-made Man."

Yesterday evening the body of an unknown white man, blind in one eye, about 65 years old, was found in the Potomac river, off Eighth street wharf, in Washington. From papers found in his clothing it is supposed that the drowned man was from Lynchburg, Va.

An election to fill a vacancy in the Common Council in the 3d ward is being held in that ward to-day. Mr. C. J. W. Summers is the democratic nominee and is being opposed by Mr. Frank Wadley, who, it is thought, will be elected. At 3:30 o'clock this evening 602 votes had been cast, 270 of which were colored.

As stated in the telegraphic columns of the GAZETTE yesterday, Speaker Cardwell yesterday announced the standing committees of the House of Delegates. The delegate from this city is on three important committees, viz: Propositions and Grievances, Militia and Police, and Executive Expenditures.

Hon. Arthur O'Connor and Sir Thos. Esmonde, the Irish representatives in the British Parliament, addressed a large audience at the Masonic Hall in Washington last night on Irish questions. A number of other distinguished speakers also addressed the meeting. A number of gentlemen from this city were in attendance.

A well dressed colored woman called at the station house this morning and gave notice that "a colored baby had 'ceased' on east Franklin street last night and that she wanted it carried away from there."

Rain commenced falling about 3 o'clock this morning and continued with but slight intermissions till the evening, making the day a very disagreeable one.

A large audience witnessed the Two Orphans which was well presented at the Opera House last night by the Baldwin Theatre Company. To-night The Danites will be played.

There will be a meeting of the managers of the confederate bazar at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The steamer Excelsior has just completed repairs at Baltimore and has returned to Washington.

Some one stole a cow from Mr. A. W. Harrison below this city, last night.

The Glamorgan Works, of Lynchburg, have received applications from this city for iron piping.

500 large gilt frame paintings to be sold at half price Friday and Saturday only at the Washington Fair, 425 King street.

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sessments. Office hours: 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

GEO. DUFFEY,

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## LICENSE NOTICE.

All persons doing business for which a license

is required, and who have not